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OREGON WEATHER. Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder east portion; northeasterly winds.

THE TAX ON INCOMES.

Democratic tinkering with the tariff has upset revenues of the federal government till the administration would be completely at sea had it not been for a convenient war to base a stamp tax upon.

If the law comes through that deal whole, it must still pass into the hands of congress. President Wilson wants the exemptions of the tax lowered, and the surtax started at a lower figure and increased more rapidly than at present.

Secretary McAdoo wants the rates of taxation on both individual and corporate incomes increased, the exemptions reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 for single persons and from \$4,000 to \$3,000 for married, and the surtax started at \$10,000 or \$15,000 instead of \$20,000.

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OIL COMPANIES OF CALIFORNIA ARE IN BIG MERGER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 4.—Formal announcement of the formation of the Pan-American Petroleum & Transportation company, the gigantic California oil companies' merger, with a capitalization of over \$100,000,000, was expected at any time today.

Promoters of the merger hold the opinion that a heavy increase is coming in the use of crude oil in trans-Atlantic liners. By combining the wells of the east coast of Mexico with those of California, promoters of the merger hope to dominate the crude oil market.

Tentative plans drawn up call for one class of stock, part to be \$50, with no bonds issued. While Bernard Baruch, Wall street financier, is handling some of the financial details, the real money behind the combination is from a group of big New York bankers.

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CORPSES USED TO STOP BULLETS ON FIELD OF BATTLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 4.—Great heaps of dead. Columns of onrushing men. Shots screaming out from a bulwark of corpses, behind which the living sheltered themselves.

This was part of the gruesome picture Albert E. Blain, 20-year-old adventurous local lad, wrote home to his mother, begging that she send his American credentials to London so that he might be freed from the horror of it all.

The shocked mother forwarded the desired papers today so that the lad, now suffering the tortures of a bullet wound in the knee, may come home from Europe's inferno.

"I've had enough of it," he wrote plaintively. "I wanted to see the war, but it's too ghastly."

Then he told of how the Germans, peering out from behind the mass of dead, made inroads on the English, following the latter's victorious advance for hours.

"It's bad enough to shoot at live men," he said, "but when you have to go up against the living and the dead it is awful."

He said he wanted a letter from the folks at home.

"I haven't had a word for a couple of weeks," he wrote, "but I hear the boys shouting that a big mail has come in. Perhaps there's one for me. There ought to be if you think of me as much as I do of you."

The lad tried the sea for a time, and then, returning to Canada, joined the army on a dare.

But the heaps of dead took the spirit out of him.

ANIMAL SWIMMERS.

The Best of All, Though Not the Swiftest, is the Polar Bear.

Nearly all animals are better swimmers than man and take to the water naturally, while he has to learn to propel himself. The rhinoceros and hippopotamus are wonderful swimmers and divers, while the Indian elephant crosses great rivers with heavy loads.

The eel keeps his head above water and crosses directly from bank to bank to avoid turning. The reindeer, on the other hand, turns as often as he likes, keeping his head only a little above the surface.

But of all swimmers of all climes the best, though not the swiftest, is the polar bear, who passes half his time in the water swimming and diving. His swimming power is nothing short of miraculous if it is remembered that the water in the regions he frequents is invariably cold and that cold is normally prohibitive to good swimming.

There are bears that can swim from forty to fifty kilometers without great effort. One of the swiftest swimming animals is the squirrel. A sportsman on one occasion, having at hand a squirrel born in captivity, which had never seen water, wanted to see if it could swim and took it with him in a rowboat to the center of a lake.

The squirrel turned toward the bank, head and paws above the water, back and tail underneath it, and began to swim so rapidly that it was with the greatest difficulty that the man recovered it when it reached the shallow water near the land. It is said that even many nonaquatic birds will swim like ducks if an attempt be made to drown them.—Pearson's Weekly.

An Exception. "If a man has the price he can get anything he wants and the way he wants it." "Don't know about that. There's the medium soft boiled egg."—Brown's Magazine.

MASON TELLS WHAT WAR MOVES MEAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 4.—Publication of the returns from Lord Derby's enlistment campaign indicates that if the British army is to be increased by conscription married men can not long escape.

About 650,000 single men available is a small number compared to the total of 2,800,000 men who have responded. Scarcely 500,000 unmarried shirkers will probably pass the tests, and their influence on the outcome of the war could hardly count unless the struggle continues years longer.

After them the fathers of families must prepare for sacrifice. This will have weight in determining labor's attitude toward conscription. The high wages of the war have permitted England's workers to raise their standard of living. If the married men are called to war, the government family allowance would plunge families into misery where they had only flourished before.

Trade unions, however, oppose abandoning concessions once won from capital.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE FACES TERM IN THE STOCKADE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Jan. 4.—Antony Vasiloff, a young Russian writer, is today facing a hard-labor term in the stockade for attempting suicide. He related to a coroner's jury how his sweetheart's death and his own wounding came about December 15, when both were found in a rowboat on Lake Union. It was the result of a suicide pact, he said, entered into because they could not marry on account of financial conditions.

YOUNGSTER TALKS ACROSS CONTINENT

Portland, Jan. 4.—Robert Smith, 4 years old, today claims a long distance telephone record for his years. Yesterday he talked from Portland to his father in New York city. The father is Lieut. R. R. Smith, U. S. N., who has gone to New York to join the battleship Wyoming.

LOTS OF CASH IN THE LOS ANGELES BANKS

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Every man, woman and child in Los Angeles has more than \$17 in the city treasury, according to Mayor Sebastian's report today. There is \$8,989,009.04 on hand. Figuring on a basis of 500,000 population, this gives everybody in town a little wad of cash. BUT— it won't be divided up.

ARMY ENGINEERS ASK HARBOR IMPROVEMENT

Washington, Jan. 4.—Appropriations aggregating \$1,200,000 for improving the Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors were recommended today by the board of army engineers in a report to congress.

MRS. WILSON NOW BOSS AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 4.—The first lady of the land, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, today took personal charge of the White House. She and the president enjoyed their first breakfast in the executive mansion shortly after their return from their honeymoon trip to Hot Springs, Va.

Mrs. Wilson's first work was that of arranging scores of wedding presents.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Club, 97@99; bluestem, 1.01@1.03. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 24@24.75. Barley—Feed, 26@28. Hogs—Best live, 6.40@6.60. Prime steers, 7.50@7.75; fancy cows, 6; best calves, 7@7.50. Spring lambs, 7.75@8. Butter—City creamery, 30. Eggs—Selected local extras, 35. Hens, 14; broilers, 13@14; geese, 9.

Fish Eating Cattle.

The use of fish as food for cattle is an idea more novel than agreeable. According to Nature, however, it is a common practice in various parts of the world. In Shetland and Iceland the farmers feed dry salt fish to cattle, sheep and even to horses. Cecil Wood, describing experiments of this nature, mentions that certain special cattle, kept for display at the village festivals in Nandyal, in India, are fed with mutton and adds that it is a fairly common practice to make use of haddock by pounding them in a mortar and feeding them to cattle. In Mr. Wood's experiments two lots of heifers were fed on dried fish diet and normal diet respectively.

The animals took a little time to get used to the fish, but they ate it readily enough. At the end of six months the fish fed heifers showed an average increase in weight of fifty-four pounds as against seventy pounds for the normally fed animals.

Beauty Merely a Matter of Health.

Not long ago a woman said: "If I could afford to have a course of treatment in a beauty parlor I might do something for my appearance." She needed to be told that the daily bath, plain, nonpoisonous food, eight hours of sleep every night, a daily walk, sensible clothing and really good books would do more for her attractiveness than any beauty parlor could possibly do, writes Dr. Maudie Kent in Good Health.

To have health means to live the daily life of work and play in a state of bodily ease, mental vigor and spiritual growth. We must consider health in this threefold aspect, for mere animal health is not desirable, nor a fine mind in a stunted, pain-racked body, nor soulfulness that disregards the laws of the body and intellectual attainment. It is the all round person who is the real, effective force in the world, and the world greatly needs every human being developed to his greatest capacity.

Chemical Dangers.

A professor of a southern university who was as remarkable for his facility in experimenting as Bonelli could be for his failures was once conducting an experiment with some combustible substance, when the mixture exploded, and the pipe which he held in his hand blew into a hundred pieces. "Gentlemen," said the doctor to his pupils with the most unaffected gravity, "I have made this experiment often with the very same pipe and never knew it to break in my hands before." The simplicity of this rather superfluous assurance produced a general laugh, in which the learned professor, who instantly discovered the cause of it, joined most heartily.—Dr. E. L. H. in Medical Pickwick.

Going the Limit.

"Tell that fellow Gingerly not to call here any more," said paterfamilias savagely. "What's the use, papa?" Evangeline asked. "I say tell him not to call any more," repeated paterfamilias with increased anger. "Why, papa, he calls seven times a week now. He can't call any more than that."—London Tit-Bits.

His Contribution.

"Every performer is going to contribute a little to our show. The strong man is going to give some exhibitions of his strength." "I see. He, too, will contribute his might."—Baltimore American.

Location notices, Courier office.

Coffee

If it weren't for the label on a Schilling's Best coffee tin, you wouldn't know what was in it. You can't smell the coffee.

The rich full flavor is all inside—sealed in the airtight tin less than an hour after roasting.

You get what you pay for, in Schilling's Best—the flavor, the essence that means satisfaction in your coffee cup! That is economy.

Evenly ground; chaff taken out; moneyback.

Schilling's Best

CURING TUBERCULOSIS.

Care Without Climate is Better Than Climate Without Care.

A bulletin of the North Carolina state board of health gives out the following bit of advice to consumptives, especially to those who are prone to go away to take the "climate cure." It says: "Care without climate is a far better cure for tuberculosis than climate without care, and unless one has the price for both he had better remain at home and have the best care that he can afford."

The reason for this advice is found in the now well-known fact that consumption can be cured anywhere. "And because this is true," says the bulletin, "it is far better for a patient of moderate means to remain at home and take treatment at a nearby sanitarium than it is for him to seek some advertised climate or resort without means to secure the proper care and treatment that his disease demands and that he might otherwise have."

"First, complete rest, freedom from worry or care, is now considered perhaps the most vital factor in the cure of tuberculosis, and this the tubercular traveler with moderate means is not likely to have. The secret of the climate cure, after all," advises the bulletin, "is living out in the open air day and night, and this is as practical in North Carolina as much of the year as in many of the western states."

"Taking the cure is much of a game, anyway. If you play to win you win; if you are careless and indifferent you are more likely to lose than to win."

Impossible.

"Do you think the movies will drive the spoken drama off the stage?" "It can't be done. Some of our leading actors have been trying for years to do that very thing."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Envelopes, 5c per package, 20c per 100.—Courier Office.

A Woman's Trouble.

Portrait of a woman with text: Trondale, Oregon.—"I was troubled with weakness from which women suffer and after taking two bottles of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription I was entirely relieved."—Mrs. M. E. JOHNSON, Trondale, Oregon.

FAIR DELEGATES ON PEACE JAUNT WANT NEW GOWNS

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—Several women delegates of the Ford peace expedition fluttered excitedly up to Business Manager Plantiff today. In a cooling manner, befitting peace doves, they inquired whether Henry Ford, "angel" of the expedition, would pay for the gowns in which they wish to make a brilliant showing at next week's conference at The Hague.

The answer—NO.

Several delegates wanted to stay in Europe a while longer and asked if Ford would pay their way home when they wanted to go. But Plantiff blasted this hope, too, by announcing that if they did not sail with the entire party on the liner Rotterdam January 12 they would have to pay their way home.

Inasmuch as Madame Schwimmer, Hungarian peace advocate, was instrumental in obtaining permission for the party to cross Germany, the newspapers today agreed that this wrecked the last possibility that the allies might favor the expedition.

Stockholm is generally favored by the delegates as the seat for the permanent peace tribunal which Ford plans to establish.

MANY GIRLS DISAPPEAR FROM LOS ANGELES

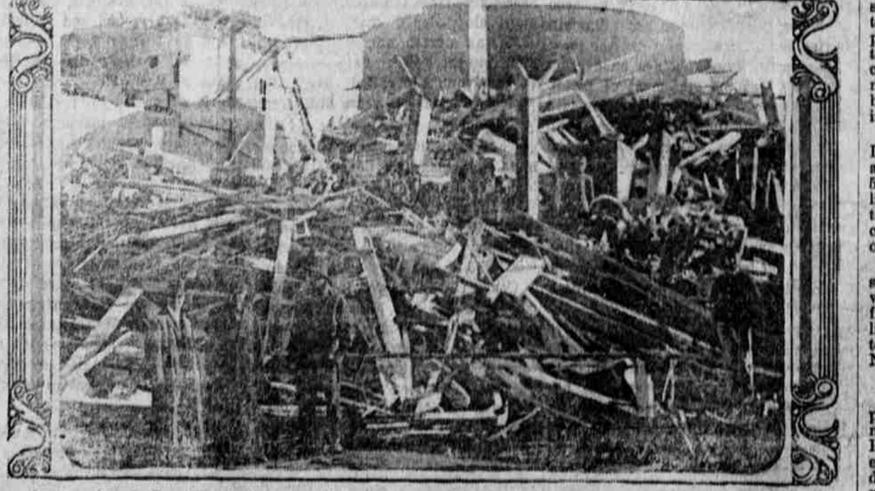
Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Police today announced that an average of one girl a day disappeared in Los Angeles during 1915. Many returned home, but more than one-half are still reported missing.

SENATE ADJOURNS BECAUSE OF DEATH OF JUSTICE LAMAR

Washington, Jan. 4.—The senate adjourned out of deference today to the dead Associate Justice Lamar of the supreme court. No business was done except to swear in Senator Smith of South Carolina.

Advertisement for Black Silk Stove Polish. "A Shine in Every Drop". Get a can today from your hardware or grocery dealer.

CYCLONE CHURNS BUILDINGS INTO KINDLINGS.



Damage done in Great Bend, Kan., as cyclone swept over that state, Nebraska and South Dakota, killing scores. Millions in property were lost.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE TEUTON ALLIES

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The central allies have taken 2,400,000 prisoners since the beginning of the war, it was estimated today.